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SUBJ: JUNTA'S FIRST CABINET CHANGE

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1. SUMMARY. JUNTA APPOINTED NEW MINEDUCATION. THERE WERE TWO MORE EXECUTIONS BY FIRING SQUAD, AND TWO AMONG "MOST WANTED" UP LEADERS WERE CAPTURED. END SUMMARY.

2. JUNTA ANNOUNCED ADM. HUGO CASTRO JEMENEZ REPLACED JOSE NAVARRO TOBAR AS MINEDUCATION. CASTRO MOST RECENTLY WAS COMMANDER OF CHILE EQUIVALENT OF COAST GUARD AND WAS PREVIOUSLY DIRECTOR OF NAVAL ACADEMY

NAVARRO, THE BELOVED "MR. CHIPS" OF PRESENT JUNTA LEADERS, APPARENTLY

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DID NOT HANDLE DELICATE SITUATION WITH UNIVERSITY OF CHILE RECTOR

BOENINGER TO JUNTA'S SATISFACTION (SANTIAGO 4609, PARA 6). HE WILL BECOME AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA.

3. FORMER TALCA PROVINCE GOVERNOR GERMAN CASTRO (PS) WAS EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD SEPT 27 FOR LEADING SEPT 11 RAID WITH ALLEGED

INTENTION OF DESTROYING DAM CONTROLLING WATER SUPPLY FOR CENTRAL PROVINCES; IN RESULTING SHOOTOUT, A CARABINERO WAS KILLED. ANOTHER PERSON

WAS EXECUTED IN QUILLOTA (NEAR VALPARAISO) FOR TERRORISM, BRINGING ANNOUNCED TOTAL OF EXECUTIONS TO ELEVEN.

4. GOVT HOTLY DENIED RUMORS CIRULATING IN SANTIAGO REGARDING (A) ASSASSINATION OF JUNTA MEMBER GEN. LEIGH AND (B) ALL WEEKEND SANTIAGO CURFEW. CENSORED MEDIA CONTINUE TO STRESS SUCCESS OF ARMS SEARCHES, DISCOVERY OF MORE DETAILS IN PURPORTED UP/EXTREME LEFT PLAN TO MURDER SENIOR MILITARY AND POLITICAL LEADERS, AND OUTPOURING OF CITIZEN CONTRIBUTIONS TO "RECONSTRUCTION FUND."

5. REWARD OF 500,000 ESCUDOS (DOLLARS 1,429 AT TODAY'S OFFICIAL RATE) WAS OFFERED BY GOVT FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO ARREST OF 17 UP/MIR FIGURES; MANY HAVE APPEARED ON PREVIOUS LISTS. COMMUNIST PARTY SECGEN LUIS COVALAN AND SOCIALIST PARTY RABBLE-ROUSER AND FORMER DEPUTY LUIS ESPINOZA WERE APPREHENDED: BOTH WERE ON WANTED LISTS. ON SEPT 27 PABLO RODRIGUEZ GREZ FORMALLY DISBANDED HIS EXTREME RIGHTIST PATRIA Y LIBERTAD MOVEMENT.

6. COSTA RICAN RECOGNITION BROUGHT TOTAL TO 35 BY GOC COUNT. BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BY YUGOSLAVIA (STATE 193304) WAS MADE PUBLIC, BUT SANTIAGO PRESS REPORTS CONSULAR RELATIONS WILL BE MAINTAINED (YUGOSLAV COLONY IN CHILE IS EXTENSIVE). URUGUAY'S ROBERTO GONZALEZ CASAL WAS FIRST NEW AMB TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS TO JUNTA, SEPT 27. ARGENTINE CHARGE TOLD PRESS 320 OF HIS 403 ASYLEES HAD RECEIVED CHILEAN SAFE CONDUCTS AND WILL LEAVE FOR ARGENTINA SHORTLY; HE INDICATED NO MAJOR UP FIGURES ARE AMONG THE 320. RUMANIAN EMBOFF INFORMED US HIS COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE RELATIONS WITH CHILE.

7. UNIV. OF CHILE RECTOR BOENINGER ANNOUNCED HE HAD NOT RESIGNED AS REPORTED PUBLICLY. BOENINGER CONFIRMED HE HAD MET TWICE WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JUNTA MEMBERS ON UNIVERSITY PROBLEMS AND WAS DUE TO MEET WITH THEM AGAIN TODAY.

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